

# Town of Johnsburg

## October 1, 2024

In Attendance: Kevin Bean – Supervisor      Anna Bowers – Councilperson  
Paul Heid – Councilperson      Arnold Stevens – Councilperson  
Jim Williams – Councilperson      Jean Comstock – Town Clerk

1. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Amy Sabattis
2. Call to Order the Regular Meeting at 7:00PM
3. Approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
**RESOLUTION # 169 – 24**  
Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve the Minutes from September 17, 2024 and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Williams. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams); Nays – 0. Ms. Bowers – just a note from #8 in the Meeting Minutes – we’ve had great conversations on this and I’d like to go ahead and put an ad in newspaper for Letters of Interest from realtors for the sale of the Town Properties.
4. Resolution to Approve the Proposal for Audit Services  
Supervisor Bean – RFP went out for Sewer; audit is required for bonding of sewer; per USDA and Comptroller’s Office.  
**RESOLUTION # 170 – 24**  
Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the Proposal for Audit Services and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Stevens. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams); Nays – 0.
5. Resolution to Approve the Highway Contract – Supervisor Bean - Mr. Heid and I worked with negotiating team with highway department; came to a reasonable agreement for all; the rest of the Board has seen the contract and approves; Mr. Williams – has the Highway Department signed; Supervisor Bean – they will from this resolution.  
**RESOLUTION # 171 – 24**  
Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve the Highway Contract and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Ms. Bowers. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams); Nays – 0.
6. Resolution to Authorize Town Subsidy of Winter Youth Ski Program – Mr. Williams - learn to Ski Program Gore Mountain offers to school students; this is for the Town to help subsidize the program; \$150 per student - \$50 per resident with the Town subsidy.  
**RESOLUTION # 172 – 24**  
Mr. Williams made a Motion to approve the Town Subsidy of the Winter Youth Ski Program and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams); Nays – 0.

7. Resolution for Merchant Account for Transfer Station – Mr. Williams – the next two resolutions are for the Transfer Station and the scales; maybe through Square or Community Bank; credit cards will be used once scales are in; 3% processing fee will be added.

**RESOLUTION # 173 – 24**

Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve setting up the Merchant Account for the Credit Card Payments at the Transfer Station and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Ms. Bowers. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams); Nays – 0.

8. Resolution to set the C&D rate at Transfer Station – Mr. Williams – set a price for C&D at the Transfer Station – committee looked at the cost .15/lb.; once scales are calibrated and operational it will be ready to go; credit card purchases will be for the exact amount; yellow punch cards will now be in 50 cent increments.

**RESOLUTION # 174 – 24**

Mr. Williams made a Motion to approve the C&D rate at .15 at the Transfer Station and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams); Nays – 0.

9. Resolution to Set Date(s) for Budget Workshop(s); October 8, 2024 at 6:00PM at Tannery Pond; Ms. Bowers - Danae & Jean have been diligent keeping us all on track; I'm voting yes, but the bare minimum of notice isn't good for the community; timing of getting the information out to have the community ask questions before the final budget.

**RESOLUTION # 175 – 24**

Mr. Williams made a Motion to approve the October 8, 2024 for the Budget Workshop and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams); Nays – 0.

10. Resolution for Authorization for Disposal of Tires and Budget Line Amendment – Mr. Williams, we've had a stockpile of tires at the transfer station for several years now; cost was a problem; Mr. Heid brought Hoosick Tire to the table; over 2,000 tires \$2.76 per tire average; the savings was immense compared to Waste Management; we were collecting for tires all along; funding from past revenues for drop off of tires.

**RESOLUTION # 176 – 24**

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve the disposal of tires through Hoosick Tire and the Budget Line Amendment and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams); Nays – 0.

11. Committee Reports

Paul Heid

- Emergency Response Committee – considerable amount of work to do; support from County and State; will meet with someone from the County to get information; it will take time, have a good start on it. Coordinate and get it together should there be a catastrophe;
- Highway Committee – meeting coming up soon; to be blunt it was a painless experience, productive, polite and professional;
- Solid Waste – Mr. Williams keeping us up to date.

### Anna Bowers

- Sub-committee for Parks department for revenue; some people asked how the committees work; they are volunteer, very grateful for that; these committees make recommendations only; Occ Tax – bring recommendations to the Board; it is important to clarify what their purpose is; some are co-chaired by volunteers; committees are working really well right now, can't micromanage, standards maybe put in place; maybe rotating co-chairs/leadership; changing it up every two-years or so; just some food for thought with all of our committees; Bean – I've worked with volunteers a lot and you don't want to burn them out.
- Occ Tax – due today; hope all were turned in
- Marketing – proposal from Garnet Signs – approximately \$1,000 each; installation can be done inhouse.

### Supervisor Bean

- At DPW meeting with Scott Royal – County will be taking over the hauling for the Town; it will be a significant savings for the Town compared to Waste Management. Pete Hoskins – great representative with Scott at the County; he's been very helpful to us; Bean – they see it as a major expenditure for Towns in the area; Hoskins – 60% is hauling not materials; Bean – I will have additional information at the next meeting.

### Jim Williams

- Solid Waste committee – good work and progress; continuing to work and look at the data and improvements we can make with vendors starting in January;
- Sewer – out to bid; in the Contract Reporter and newspapers; Cedarwood working with us on this; pre-bid meeting and bid opening; hoping to have a recommendation the first meeting in November to have a contractor ready to go.
- Parks – new timing building/snack hut put in place; ORDA now working on the finishing touches to it; matches the Minder Lodge in appearance; recommendations for the December meeting.

### Arnold Stevens

- Senior Citizens – the Town Board supports the youth organizations; we need to touch base with our senior citizens; what services are available to them; Gore Mountain Sr. Group – have enjoyed a few events; dinner and show in LG; cruise on Raquette Lake; picnic at Fish Hatchery summer picnic; Sr. Meal site – they serve 25 meals per day – drivers are volunteer; Sr. Transportation is a question – contacted the Office for the Aging – Deanna -what is available; 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month – seniors to go to Glens Falls; there are volunteer drivers for medical appointments; right now there is only one driver to provide medical transport; County does pay mileage if anyone is interested; she would be happy to come to a Board Meeting to let us know what they offer. Ms. Bowers – Bone and Ashley are here – everything going on at the Park over the summer; any plans to do a presentation to the Town or where you are with that? We had a meeting earlier with TPCC folks to set a date TBD to lay it out; Ashley – we could always do something here at a meeting as well;

11. Warrants -

**RESOLUTION # 177 – 24**

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the Warrants and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams); Nays – 0.

GENERAL FUND	\$ 127,943.91
HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 19,099.44
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	\$ 291,630.60
SKI BOWL MITIGATION PROJECT	\$ 315.00
LIBRARY FUND	\$ 2,397.98
WATER DISTRICT	\$ 2,042.47
TRUST AND AGENCY	\$ 1,403.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 444,832.84</b>

12. Privilege of the Floor

- Jennifer Zimmerman – could Mr. Webb give us an update on the Nursing Home; helping to promote the effort to support the nursing home; hiring continues, workforce shortage is affecting hiring; 68-72 beds full; still nothing from the State yet; VAP is short-term; it helps bridge current cash flow to be more stable; Medicaid is a part of the problem is as well; all seems to be relatively stable; we’re getting real time information from family members; based on the comments from the Chief Surveyor – it was a very successful survey, the building is a concern, may see some citations from this; it was built 50 years ago; Pete Hoskins – Federal involvement re: Medicaid? Mr. Webb – it’s State run, Federal just give the money; Feds insure compliance and quality; State does not spend enough on its nursing homes.
- Paul Heid – flier in the mail for the comment period for the expansion of Barton Mines – encourage with positive comment; we need to support them; Chuck Barton – we appreciate the support; application is deemed complete, public comment now; thanks so much for the support.
- Mindy Preuninger – thank you to the Town, great support with cones/barrels/tables for the Community Days – over 1,200 people attended; it was a great event; look forward to continuing with that.

13. Motion to Adjourn

**RESOLUTION # 178 – 24**

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to Adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:43PM and moved its passage with a Second Motion by Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams); Nays – 0.

Prepared by:

*Jean M. Comstock*

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Town Clerk

**THERE WILL BE A BUDGET WORKSHOP ON  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 6:00PM AT TANNERY  
POND, LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM**

**THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL  
BE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024 AT 7:00PM AT  
TANNERY POND AND LIVESTREAM**